

SET HOMECOMING TILT DATE

COOK COUNTY UNIT STAGES GOLF MATCH

GORDON HAGSTROM SEES THAT ALL CONTENDERS WIN

A golf tournament followed by a dinner sponsored by the Cook County Chapter of the Alumni Association, August 16, at Briargate Country Club.

Arrangements were made by J. Gordon Hagstrom, '19-'24, assisted by Bosco Lear, '13-'19, and Carl Schmidt, '13-'17.

Everyone in the tourney won a prize. Winners of top awards were: The Revs. Anthony Paluszak, '09-'15, and Joseph B. Kenkel, '07-'13, golf clubs; the Rev. Fred Fehrenbacher, '17-'22, golf balls, and Medard Gabel, '18-'21, a golf bag.

Also at the tournament were Coach Joe Dienhart and the following alumni: Oscar Sieben, '21-'25; Clarence Sieben, '21-'23; Edward Fischer, '28-'34; Rev. John Daleiden, '13-'19; Herman Gaul, Jr., '22-'24; Carl Beckert, '13-'15, and John Kallal, '17-'19.

(Another story about the tournament is on page two)

Plan To Start Unit In Lafayette

A new Alumni Chapter will be started in Lafayette, Monday night, September 25.

Jerry Haugh, '17-'18, is making arrangements to have Alumni from Lafayette, Delphi, Frankford, Crawfordsville, New Richmond, Otterbein, and all other towns in a radius of fifty miles of Lafayette, meet at the Lafayette Brewery, in the 400 block North Fourth Street.

Charter officers will be elected and plans for attending Homecoming activities will be made.

A frequent visitor at the College is Carl Neuer, '14-'18, of Huntington, Ind., traveling salesman for the Miracle Manufacturing Company.

ALUMNUS AND AL SMITH VIEW FAIR



Courtesy Our Sunday Visitor

More than 10,000 persons gathered in California Coliseum at the Golden Gate International Exposition for Catholic Day ceremonies. Alfred E. Smith, of New York, is shown with Archbishop John J. Mitty, of San Francisco, and Archbishop Rudolph A. Gerken, of Santa Fe. Archbishop Gerken was a student at St. Joseph's from September 1908 until June 1910.

Alumnus Bets \$325 He Can Sink Two Holes-in-One In 24 Hours

Cyril Wagner, '23-'25, made news during the summer when he bet \$325 against a new automobile that he could sink two holes-in-one within twenty-four hours at Elmgate Golf Club, Chicago.

The Niles Center, Ill., marathon golfer stood on the seventeenth tee, and in twenty-four hours spanked 3,107 balls down the fairway to the green 131 yards away.

He made his first hole-in-one on the 805th shot. But that was all. Wagner was close on 1,302 when the ball bounced into the cup and out. He made the gallery groan on the 1,989 shot when the ball hooked in near the front of the

hole, skidded across and came to rest just three inches shy.

Beneath powerful searchlights, Wagner started his marathon at 8:15 p.m., Sunday, June 25, and ended at 8:15 p.m., Monday, June 26.

The St. Joe Alumnus planted nine out of ten balls on the green in the first twelve hours. He dropped only four out of ten on the putting surface during the second twelve, when fatigue and blisters began to take their toll.

Last year, Wagner, a golf pro, made news by playing eighteen holes on eight different courses in the Chicago area in less than twelve hours.

The Rev. Edward A. McGinty, '09-'14, has been chaplain at the United States reformatory, Chillicothe, O., since 1931.

Charles E. Mattingly, '19-'22, is proprietor of the Corner Lunch Cafe, at 201 North State Street, Waseca, Minn.

Frank Petri, '24-'26, is a salesman for the Art Metal Construction Company, in Detroit.

Archie O'Daniel, '16-'18, of Lebanon, Ky., is a contractor. The name of the firm is the Archie O'Daniel Plumbing and Heating Company.

ST. JOE MEN TO RETURN OCTOBER 28

FIRST ALUMNI DANCE IN COLLEGE HISTORY TO FOLLOW CONTEST

The St. Joe-Central Normal fray on October 28 will be the Homecoming game this year, according to the Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., director of athletics.

The game will start at 2 p.m. Saturday. A Homecoming dance, the first in the history of the college, will be held at night. A gay, carnival spirit will enliven Rensselaer and Collegeville that week-end.

Plans are in the making for other activities on the Saturday-Sunday program, said the Very Rev. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., college president. Alumni, their wives, and their friends are guaranteed a week-end packed with entertainment.

A detailed program will be mailed to Alumni, after all arrangements have been completed.

AKRON CHAPTER TO HOLD OUTING

Members of the Akron Chapter will hold their annual outing, Sunday, October 15 at Brunnerdale Seminary, near Canton, O.

The program will start early and last until late, according to the Very Rev. Leo Vogt, C.P.P.S., '11-'18, rector of the seminary.

Several members of St. Joe's faculty are planning to attend the outing.

John H. Medland, '21-'24, is an attorney in the firm of Lairy, Bradfield, Williams and Medland, in Logansport, Ind.

James W. Medland is a general building contractor in Logansport, Ind. The name of the firm is Market Street Construction Company.

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WILL IT HAPPEN AGAIN?

The October 27, 1917 issue of College Cheer told how Emil Goettemoeller received his little blue card notifying him that he should prepare himself for army service at once." It goes on to say that "immediately the senior class took upon themselves the duty of arranging a suitable farewell for the first young man who was to leave the portals of St. Joe to defend Old Glory."

Then the article goes into great details describing the blaring band, the cheering crowd, and the speeches from the court house steps.

In the near future, will an issue of *Stuff* carry a similar story?

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Paging Horatio Alger!

The high school freshmen of St. Joe put out an eight-page publication in June, 1929 called *The Freshman Echo*.

Here's a quotation from it: "Charlie Scheidler, otherwise known as Rusty, will probably accept a position as ice carrier for the Greensburg Ice Company this summer."

And now ten years later, that same Rusty Scheidler, '28-'34, is executive manager of the Greensburg Ice Company, head of a coal company, and manager of a 165 acre farm just north of Greensburg.

Rusty was a three letter man, and the first president of St. Joe's Monogram Club.

He took a short course in agriculture in 1937 in Purdue's Department of Animal Husbandry. At Townside farm he is beginning to work up a herd of Purebred Milking Shorthorn Cattle, the start of which was obtained from St. Joe's herd and from the 1936 International Exposition in Chicago.

Rusty is an Elk, and is Grand Knight of Greensburg's K.C. council.

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Father Pursley at Warsaw

The Rev. Leo Pursley, '15-'21, is pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw, Ind. For eight years he was chaplain of Catholic students at Purdue University. He reorganized the Newman Club at Purdue and in 1931, he affiliated it with the Federation of College Catholic Clubs. Father Pursley was chaplain of Indiana State Newman Clubs and of the Ohio Valley province of the National Federation in 1935. He received a Newman Honor Key, in June 1937, from the national office.

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Edward Purcell, '16-'17, is branch manager for the Pioneer Paper Stock Company, Detroit. He reports that Jim Hogan, '13-'18, formerly of Washington, Ind., is employed by the Graham-Paige Motor Corporation, in Detroit.

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Follow The Pumas!

HELP FIND LOST SHEEP

An Alumni Directory is in the making.

When it is completed every subscriber to *CONTACT* will receive a volume.

Before it is finished, however, the editors of the Directory will ask you to lend a hand. You see, there are quite a few Alumni in the files whose addresses are not known. The editors will have those names printed and will send them to you; so that you might help track down the lost sheep.

You will help, won't you?

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Gets Bang Out of Golf Tourney

Literally speaking, the golf tournament sponsored by the Cook County Alumni Chapter started off with a bang.

Here's what happened: Father Fred Fehrenbacher stepped onto the first tee to open the tourney. Someone slipped a trick ball in front of him. The vice-president of St. Joe took his stance, lifted the club slowly, then dipped it toward the turf, and — bang! The ball that was supposed to go soaring down the fairway blew up all over Cook County.

Father Anthony Paluszak thought the exploding ball trick was very funny, and like little Audrey, he just laughed and laughed.

But there's something in the saying, "He who laughs last —".

On the third hole, Father Paluszak made a beautiful iron shot onto the green, and the ball trickled to within six feet of the cup.

"I should sink that for par," Father Paluszak murmured. But he wouldn't have said that had he noticed an alumnus replacing his ball with a fake one. It was not an explosive, but it had a few tricks all its own.

Father Paluszak eyed the distance between the ball and the hole, checked the slant of the green, concentrated, and then putted. The ball started cutting more fancy curves than a drunk on a bicycle. The St. Joe prof stood frozen to the green while the little pill did everything but spell out his name.

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Makes Hoxie St. Joe Minded

If any folks from Jasper County, Indiana, drive through Hoxie, Kansas, they will cause quite a stir along the main drag.

Norb Dreiling, '31-'38, is homesick for his alma mater; so he has every resident of Hoxie trained to watch for Indiana license plates that bear a Jasper County numeral.

Fathers Carl Nieset, '25-'38, and Harold Diller, '25-'38, visited the former St. Joe varsity pitcher during their Geology Expedition through the Southwest. They said it is almost impossible to surprise Norb, because you hardly drive past the city limits when word gets around that a Jasper County car is in town.

As soon as Norb memorizes every word in *Stuff* and *CONTACT*, the papers make the rounds in Hoxie.

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Missionaries Assigned

The Revs. John Zeller, '15, Alfred Meyers, '20, John Kraus, '30, Thomas Clayton, '31, and Francis Mooney, '31 have been assigned to the Eastern Mission Band of the Fathers of the Precious Blood with headquarters at Charlottesville, Va.

TURN BACK THE CLOCK

Remember when we had desk tops that raised up? On the underside of the top we used to tack a big blotter, and then paste pictures, post cards, class schedules, calendars, etc. It was real rivalry to see who could have the flashiest display when desk tops were lifted at the opening of study periods. The exhibits used to take quite a few years off every study hall prefect's life. He used to have to come down off his throne every now and then to stop one of us little goofs from nailing up a picture of George Washington during study period.

Didn't you feel a little sick at the stomach, and didn't your heart beat a little faster when you heard someone shout, "Grades are up"? You used to start packing your suitcase about a week before Christmas vacation began, didn't you? In all your life, did you ever get a greater thrill than the one you felt when you watched the trunks being carried down from the attic at the close of final exams? Surely you haven't forgotten how you used to mark on the calendar how many days till Christmas vacation.

During your time did students dress as though they were going to a masquerade and then parade to Rennselaer on St. Pat's Day? Perhaps you were here the St. Pat's Day that a prefect made this announcement: "You may go to town this afternoon. Be back on the campus at five. You have always done this in the future; so continue to do it in the past."

When the prefect called you into his office to give you a penance you said you were "booked". You were either "put on the walk", or else you had to write the smoking rule, Scripture, or Latin irregular verbs. You used to cut a notch in your belt every time you were booked. You were even proud of these notches. Remember?

Do you recall that you weren't allowed to seal a letter when you mailed it, and the ones you received were always slit open?

If you should return to the campus to observe student life, you would be surprised to find so many of these things changed.

John Ratajczak, '19-'22, is Secretary-Sergeant in the Hammond Police Department.

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A new church in Rennselaer is being built by the Rev. Albert Gerhardstein, C.P.P.S., '05-'11.

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George Bartlett, '28-'29, of Louisville, married last spring.

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James H. Reidy, '24-'25 is a clerk for Chicago's Board of Health.

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Leonard Reichlin, '35-'36, is employed by the National Tube Company, Lorain, O.

THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

The football schedule is tougher than boarding-house steak.

St. Joe men will face three Indiana Conference teams. They will play Valparaiso University here, September 30; Ball State at Muncie, October 7, and Central Normal here, October 28.

The season will open here against Wilson College, of Chicago, on September 23. Our fellows will meet the University of Louisville in a night game at Louisville on October 19. Xavier, of Cincinnati, will play at St. Joe on November 5. St. Norbert's College, of West DePere, Wisconsin, will play here November 12.

Fifty men, fourteen of them lettermen, reported for conditioning. Unseasoned men will make up a large part of the squad. They look promising, but they are unseasoned. You can't get around that.

Carroll McCool has been added to the staff as freshman coach. Henry Kosalko will continue as line coach. With the help of these fine young men, some of the unseasoned material may develop into smooth swivel-hipped backs, and power house linemen.

It's too early in the season to say anything definite. But if you drop around at game time, I'm sure you'll enjoy the afternoon.

John A. Metzner, '06-'10, is head of the Metzner Grocery and Metzner Insurance Agency, in Delphos, O. He is a Knight of Columbus, Captain of Officers Reserve, and Deanery President of the National Catholic Council of Men.

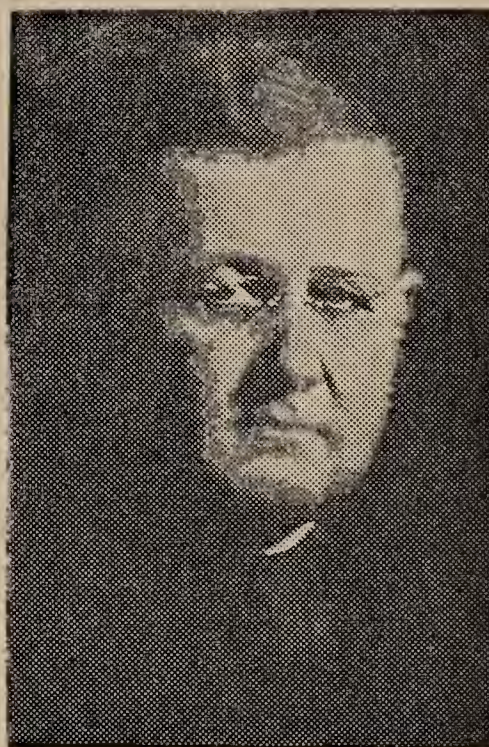
Francis (Red) Matthews, '26-'29, is Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air Corps, Fifth Bombing Group, Hicnam Field, Territory of Hawaii. Quite a few Alumni will recall the time Red came up from Texas on a motorcycle. And they probably still remember how he used to break the ice to go swimming in mid-winter.

George Meyer, '12-'14, father of four children, is a clothing salesman for the Marx Company, Muncie, Ind.

ALUMNI MARK SILVER JUBILEE



Rev. C. A. Stoll



Rev. J. G. Bennett

Courtesy Our Sunday Visitor

Two Alumni, the Rev. C. A. Stoll and the Rev. J. G. Bennett, are heading for another milestone. They recently observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood. Father Stoll, '05-'09, is pastor of St. Thomas', Knox, Ind., and Father Bennett, '06-'09, is pastor at St. Joseph's, Garrett, Ind.

Rev. R. P. Neumeyer, '29 Teacher at Brunnerdale

As a student, the Rev. Robert P. Neumeyer, C.P.P.S., came to Collegeville directly from Germany. That was in 1926. Having received his high school education at the gymnasium in Freiburg, he was graduated from St. Joe in 1929. Immediately after his ordination in 1935, Father Neumeyer returned to Germany for his first Mass. He is now instructor at Brunnerdale Seminary, Canton, O.

En Route Six Weeks

The alumni questionnaire mailed by Father William, C.P., at Chih-kiang, Hunan, China, was a month and a half en route. Students at St. Joe from '11-'13, will remember Father William as Lawrence Westhoven.

TOM DAILY OWNS STORE

Thomas J. Daily, '15-'17, former baseball, basketball and track manager, owns a furniture store at 18 East Main Street, Washington, Ind. He served two terms as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

SALES MANAGER IN OHIO

Justin H. Oppenheim, '14-'19, is sales manager of New Idea Incorporated, Coldwater, O. In 1923 he received his B.S. degree at Catholic U. He has a son and a daughter.

ALUMNUS McLEOD BEARS MANY TITLES

Paul Angus McLeod, '11-'14, is a very busy man in New Castle, Ind. Alumnus McLeod, a bachelor, is division manager of the Public Service Company of Indiana, and of the Traction Light and Power Company. He is president of the Union City Electric Company, vice-president of the Indiana Gas Association, and president of the New Castle Rotary Club. He has a B.S. in chemical engineering.

GETS VOTES



Barney Badke

St. Joe's fullback, Barney Badke, '39, fell a little short of making the Chicago Tribune's All-Star squad even though his votes zoomed to 64,247.

Barney was recently appointed to the coaching job at St. Thomas' High School, Rockford, Ill.

HERE AND THERE

Agents for the New York Life Insurance Company are Richard Mueller, '29-'31, Delphos, O.; John Modrijan, '23-'27, Kenosha, Wis., and Lawrence Jacobs, '12-'17, Kenosha, Wis.

Emil Francis Marx, '08-'11, is Adjutant General of Ohio. His home is in St. Marys; his office is in the State House, at Columbus.

From Colfax, Washington, the Rev. Pius B. Mutter, '17-'22, writes that he is chaplain and administrator for four missions.

Arthur George Mossong, '21-'24, is salesman for Sears Roebuck, in Fond du Lac, Wis. He is adjutant of Major A.M. Trier Post 75, American Legion, and is marshal of the St. Joseph Society of St. Mary's Church.

Carl Oatman is assistant paymaster for the Anaconda Wire and Cable Company in Muskegon, Mich. He was a student at St. Joe from '20-'24.

The Rev. Raymond Ostenhage, '17-'23, is principal of St. Wendelin High School, Fostoria, O.

Martin O'Donnell, '15-'18, is a clerk for the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company in Gary.

Frank Pischke, '20-'23, is an electrical engineer for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in Chicago.

Bruno F. Nowak, '98-'99, is an investment counsel and statistician in Chicago.

If you are going through Lawrenceburg, Ind., and want to see Tom Neff, '20-'24, drop in at Neff's Shoe Store, 234 Walnut Street.

Charles F. Overton, '15-'16, is general manager of the S.E. Overton Company, South Haven, Mich.

Thomas G. O'Meara, '14-'16, of Muncie, Ind., is an accountant for the Owens-Illinois Glass Company.

Quite a few of the younger alumni will recall when Richard Parlon and Alex Puetz, both here from '27-'29, kept Father Paluszak, then prefect of discipline, on the jump. Red is connected with the New Richmond (Ind.) Lumber and Coal Company. Puetz is proprietor of the Model Meat Market, Chicago.

The Rev. Leo H. Boeke, '25-'26, is assistant at St. Lawrence Church Cincinnati.

Tom Menten, '05-'07, is district manager of Swift & Company, in Boston Mass. He has six children.

Brother William's Diary Reveals New Facts

(Editor's Note: Thanks to the Rev. Edmund Binsfeld, C.P.P.S., '26-'31, of LaCrosse, Wis., for most of the facts used in this article. With Brother William's diary and letters at hand, Father Binsfeld wrote a biography for the July, 1938 issue of Nuntius Aulæ. The biography was our chief source of reference.)

When you close your eyes can't you still hear Brother William Cob swish-swishing through the dorm? His old carpet slippers lulled to sleep several generations of St. Joe students.

Did you know that Druecker, not Cob, was his last name? Here are other things you may or may not have heard about the old fellow who rang bells, watched students, and loved God:

Shortly after Brother William became prefect in 1898, a youngster in the Minim Department shouted, "Here comes the cop!" as a warning to several boys cutting-up in the study hall. Somehow or other the name Cop soon became Cob. And Cob it remained.

Brother William was forty years old when he came to St. Joe. A man that age certainly has a right to demand that youngsters show respect for him. In fact, his longing for human respect was almost an obsession. But no matter what he did, the boys only made fun of him.

According to his diary, the bell-ringer of St. Joe gradually extinguished every spark of self-love in his heart by meditating on the Greatness of God and the utter smallness of himself. He wrote in the diary that after having overcome self-love he prayed that students would laugh at him. He wanted to offer up the humiliation to God.

He encouraged the use of his nickname. When he heard a freshman ask a fellow-freshman how the name Cob was spelled, he put this note on the bulletin board:

"Cob is spelled with one b."

He signed letters, "Brother William Cob." He received mail addressed to William Cob.

Did you ever see gaunt hump-backed Brother William wear a hat? He wore one only once a year. Every election day he put on a derby and went to town to vote.

Brother Cob went out of his way to do more than his duty. He wasn't satisfied merely with ringing bells and acting as prefect in the study hall and dorm. He wanted to be a tutor for students of poor talent. He ploughed through Latin grammar and the

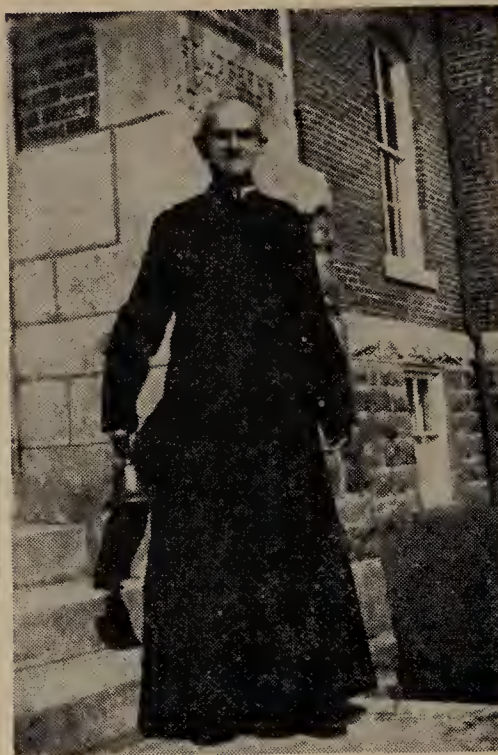
masters of Latin prose and poetry. He taught himself mathematics, that he might help boys through puzzling problems. He read more than once the books of Father Finn and the Hop-along Cassidy stories that he might better understand youngsters. The Pathfinder was the only secular paper he ever read. Many students, around 1910, subscribed to that publication. Brother Cob read it so that he could discuss current problems with them.

Brother William spent the summer repairing mattresses. He wanted the boys' beds to be more comfortable. But he went out of his way to make his own bed uninviting. He slept in his cassock on a thin mattress over three boards laid lengthwise across the springs.

In his curtained room, at the north end of the dorm, he took his meals. Many times a wide-eyed freshman confided in a fellow-freshman, "I heard that Old Cobs lives on cow bran and coffee." Yes, cow bran and coffee made up a large part of his diet; but he did eat other things.

Infirmity forced Brother Cob to retire in the fall of 1929. He took a room in Dwenger Hall, the College infirmary, where he spent his

BELL-RINGER



Brother William

time praying, reading, and talking with students.

Tuesday, May 13, 1930, was Alumni Day. Many of Brother William's "boys" returned to the campus as men. When told that the condition of the 72-year old bell-ringer was very low, they began to recall how the swish-swish of his carpet slippers had lulled them to sleep years ago in the dorm. And as they were reminiscing that night, the tired limbs of their old prefect grew strangely still.

It was then Brother William Cob took his turn at sleeping.

Rensselaer Still Recalls Pete O'Brien

"What ever became of a fellow named O'Brien who played football for St. Joe about twenty years ago?" said Bill Campbell, Rensselaer newspaperman. "He was colorful and lots of people around here still remember him. His name often comes up when a bunch of fellows sit around talking about athletes."

Here's the answer that appeared in several papers in the Rensselaer area:

James (Pete) O'Brien, the fiery little quarterback who played at St. Joe from 1916 until 1921, has a Master of Arts degree and teaches Latin and History at St. Bernard High School, St. Bernard, O. He has two sons and two daughters.

Pete was just as fiery in basketball as in football, according to Coach Joe Dienhart. Joe played against Pete one night in Lafayette. One of the braces under a basket was a 2 x 4. Joe and Pete got so interested in trying to get the ball that they cracked the 2 x 4 to splinters.

MAURICE MEYERS, S.J., GROWS BEARD IN ROME

Here is a quotation from a letter written by Mr. Maurice Meyers, S.J., '26-'30:

"The reason I am here in Rome cultivating a beard is that I am seeking to join those of the alumni who have left the Latin rite for the Oriental. I am still 'in via ad esse' in this regard, but I have hopes of succeeding. I spent last year at the Russian College studying Russian and the Oriental rite, and this year have begun my theological course. But even in the house we are in now, we have a number of Orientals, and have our own services daily in our Russian chapel.

"I am glad to hear that Father Ildephonse is back. I always enjoyed his classes and have pleasant memories of them. Tell him one of his products has already had parts in Russian and Italian playlets."

The Rev. Anthony Meyer, C.P.P.S., '08-'15, pastor in St. Joseph, Mo., writes: "Trying to help keep the faith in myself, one assistant, eight teachers, 263 children, and 442 families."

The Rev. Emil J. Meyer, C.P.P.S., '25-'28, is busy with Mexican work in Kansas. He has sixty-eight Mexican families in Hutchinson and forty in Lyons.

ALUMNI CONTINUE STUDIES



Courtesy Cleveland Universe-Bulletin

Rev. Joseph Wittkofski



Rev. William Coleman

The College scored again scholastically when the Rev. Joseph Wittkofski, and the Rev. William Coleman, both '26-'32, were named as the only two newly-ordained Maryknoll Fathers to be sent on for further education. Father Wittkofski will study Science and Father Coleman will study English Literature and Modern History at the University of Illinois.